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Copy date for the September issue is **12th August.**

## GARDENING CLUB QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"There is nothing like a garden for making you feel small. There you are, right in the middle of the greatest miracle of all, the world of growing things."

*Geoff Hamilton*

## ANNUAL FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - 6TH AUGUST

On **Saturday 6th August 2016** the Merriott Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Flower & Produce Show at the Village Hall. Schedules are available from Osbornes, Merriott Pharmacy and our Chair, Christine McLeod, at 12 Higher Street, Merriott. You should return your completed Show Schedule to Osbornes or Christine McLeod (**not** the pharmacy please) **by 5.30pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2016**. No late entries are allowed.

The Flower & Produce Show is open to amateur exhibitors only, living within the boundary of Merriott, members of Merriott Gardening Club and Merriott Allotment Association. All exhibitors to be bona-fide owners of all exhibits shown in their names.

The show is not just about fruit and veg; there are other sections for flowers, foliage and flower arrangements; a domestic section including jam, pickle, decorated cakes, a cake to a special recipe; an arts and crafts section covering greetings card, needlecraft, crochet,

decorated hat, watercolour and a photography section covering a variety of subjects. In fact, something for everyone.

The hall opens at 9.00am and all exhibits must be in place by 11am when the hall will be cleared for judging. Entry payments should be given on the morning of the Show day only - please do not leave any money beforehand.

Hall opens to the public from 2pm. Admission: Adults 70p and children free.

Cream teas, tea, coffee or soft drinks and a selection of home made scones and cakes will be available in the afternoon.

Prize giving and awards will be at 4 pm, followed by an auction of produce from the Show and a raffle with lots of lovely prizes.

This is a very popular Show - please come and support your village Gardening Club and have a wonderful afternoon out.

See you there!

*Mo Frampton*

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## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS UPDATE

We are always looking at areas and opportunities of improving the highways and paths around the village for both pedestrians and drivers to make the village a safer and more pleasant place for all. Some schemes have been started and some are proposals, below are some of the areas we are investigating:

**1. SID (Speed Indicator Device)** – We are hoping to get an additional dedicated post fitted by the lamp post at Pye Corner at the entrance to Old Farm so that we can have the SID fitted there more often and maybe investigate a permanent SID installation depending upon the availability of funds. The SID at this site is an excellent reminder to drivers coming down and up the hill that they are well within a 30mph limit and it is by far the village's worst site for speeding vehicles.

**2. Traffic Calming along Broadway** – We were hoping to incorporate a raised platform within the traffic calming by the new entrance into the Moorlands Farm development. There were

many discussions with the developers but, for numerous reasons, it has unfortunately proved too difficult to implement this platform within the timescales involved in this development. We are still however retaining the pinch point (WIP see picture below) which, I believe, will be narrower, for longer than before and will hopefully help slow down vehicles travelling along Broadway. At a later date this lower pinch point could be reviewed again, along with the pinch point by the village hall which is also far from ideal.



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**3. Making Merriottsford Bridge safer for pedestrians** – Many people in the village have commented on how unsafe it is for pedestrians to walk through this area especially when the road is busy and vehicles are travelling in both directions. Our options are limited and we are investigating what could be done to improve the situation, possibly with different clearer road markings to define the pedestrian area.



**4. Footpath extension from Pye Corner downhill towards the roundabout** – This is another issue raised by many where the path coming down the hill from Pye Corner runs out and you are forced to cross the road, on almost a blind bend, to join the path on the opposite side of the road to continue down into the village.

We are working with County and District Councillors to try and secure funding to extend the path from Pye Corner down and around the blind bend to a suitable safer point further down, to cross to the path on the other side of the road. The pictures below should help illustrate more clearly with the red arrows what we would like to do:



If anyone has any other Highways issues or areas of concerns please email them to the Parish Clerk Mrs Katharine Sheehan at [merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

We have also had some feedback regarding inconsiderate parking issues around the village. This is a bigger problem in some areas than others and we should all be mindful that we should not cause obstructions for emergency vehicles, obey the highways regulations and consider the needs of our neighbours to maintain the positive community spirit within the village.

*Grant Wright, Merriott Parish Councillor – Highways Working Party*

## MERRIOTT COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

The Merriott Speedwatch team has now been operating for just over three years and during that time we have carried out 166 separate CSW sessions. This is some achievement and I would like to thank my team for their wonderful support and commitment and also the local village community for their very positive continued feedback and encouragement. I truly believe that the CSW team, backed up with the SID's, Safety Camera Van & Motorbike and Police support have made a significant improvement in slowing people down through the village. We have the data to back this up and the number of speeders through the village has dropped by around two thirds which is great news. Pye Corner and the Village Hall are still our worst sites and where we generally get the most Police and Safety Camera Van or Bike Support.

Over the last two years out of thirty CSW teams operating in South Somerset, Merriott is 11<sup>th</sup> in terms of the number of repeat speeders with 2.6% of speeders being caught two or more times, so there is still more work to be done to get the message through. Remember if the CSW team is **not** out, the Safety Camera Van or Bike may well be. If we can get the SID at Pye Corner more often, then that would help remind people, as it is difficult when travelling down hill to maintain 30mph. I am also trying to get some additional CSW signs, although we are struggling a little to find places to fit them. We will continue to try and reduce these numbers more. We are committed to making the village a safer place for all and if anyone would like to join the team you are welcome - training can be provided and you can contact me on [grant@gswright.plus.com](mailto:grant@gswright.plus.com)

## MERRIOTT VILLAGE HALL – FINANCES AND NOTICE OF AGM



### Annual General Meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm in the Blake Room, Merriott Village Hall.

Please come along to hear more and share your thoughts on our historic Village Hall– all welcome.

#### Finances

Have you ever thought about how the bills are paid for Merriott Village Hall? Costs such as insurance, cleaning, the caretaker, heating, lighting and water? Before I became the Treasurer of our Village Hall in the autumn of last year, I had never given any thought to how Village Halls are funded. I was very surprised to find that there is no statutory funding for running costs for

our hall. What that means is that every penny spent has to be raised either through hiring out its facilities or by running fund-raising events. The cost of running the hall is about £10,000 per year. The Trustees have committed to try to cover those costs each year from the income generated by hiring out the Hall, but at the moment we are running at a deficit. We need the hall to be used more, particularly in the daytimes and weekends.

For improvements, we have to raise significant amounts of money. The project we have recently completed, to create the new rear access, ramp and new rear windows, cost just over £24,000. We received grants for the majority of the cost but had to find £2,000 of our own funds in order to meet the requirements of the grant awarding bodies. We have a list of future improvements including new gents' toilet, improved kitchen facilities, improved front terrace area, new front windows and the refurbishment of the iron railings. The total cost of our wish list is

approximately £30,000. Please consider supporting our Village Hall by:

- setting up a regular user group in the hall;
- using the hall for a one-off event such as a party, wedding, funeral wake or meeting... suggest your friends and family use it for events!
- making a regular or one-off donation;
- getting involved as a Trustee, offering to run a fund-raising event or being a volunteer at fund-raising events;
- having fun with friends and family by supporting our fund-raising (look out for details of the next quiz night).

#### Bookings

For bookings enquiries, please contact Michelle on 01460 72508; or email [michelle-rowswell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michelle-rowswell@yahoo.co.uk)

If you're interested in getting involved in helping to run the hall contact Andy on 01460 78461.

*Rosemary Evans, Treasurer  
Merriott Village Hall*



The Beach Boys Event in June



The very successful Beach Boys concert and BBQ in June was attended by 150 people and raised over £1,200 for the next hall improvement project. Our thanks to everyone who supported it.

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# PHOTO OF THE MONTH



"A rare sight in Merriott - no vehicles"  
Photo taken by Steve Thorner, 27th June 2016

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## HOMECOMINGS

BY JANET LAILEY

Two swallows arrive, making  
it summer,  
Flickering in long arcs,  
Swooping under the carport  
To alight on familiar rafters  
Chatter chatter chitter!  
Then leaping out and away,  
Sky-high and back  
In a swift second.  
We return, reeling  
from lugging baggage  
through airports,  
Giddy from motorways.  
The key in the lock,  
The smell in the hall ...  
Here it is! Here's home at  
last  
Same destination  
Same elation  
(Though with rather less  
grace).



Takeaway -  
**26th August**  
- 5.30 to  
8.00 pm -  
Pizza, dough balls with garlic  
butter, ice cream, tiramisu  
and salted caramel brownies.  
Everything handmade.  
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order and to arrange a  
collection time -  
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to request a menu.

**DINNINGTON RIDE**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

The Rotary Club of  
Crewkerne is holding this  
event where riders can enjoy  
approx. 12 miles of beautiful  
farmland, park and wood-  
land. Starting from a field by  
Dinnington Docks Pub, nr.  
Hinton St. George TA17 8SX.  
Optional shorter course.  
Open to all ages, riders  
under 14 to be accompanied  
by an adult.  
**Start 9.30am – 11.30am**  
**(latest ) £15.00 entry fee.**  
**Principal beneficiary: Dorset  
and Somerset Air Ambulance**

## ILLEGAL TIPPING – MAN CHARGED

You may have seen the article in the Western Gazette reporting that the person responsible for creating an illegal tip on farmland in Merriott, has been charged and fined. This only came about because Merriott residents took the initiative and pursued the council to find out what was going on. The cost of clearing up all the waste he dumped in Walditch Lane, Merriott is estimated at £20,000! Let's hope this deters people from damaging the environment.

Ann Lawrence

# MERRIOTT DRIVERS SCHEME APPEAL

## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU !

The dedicated team of volunteer drivers and escorts has provided a valuable service to the community over the last five years.

The Merriott Drivers Scheme provides transport at a very reasonable cost for anyone who needs door-to-door transport to visit a hospital for a non-emergency appointment or to see a GP, dentist or a physiotherapist. The area covered is normally Crewkerne, Yeovil and occasionally Taunton. Some 90 people are on the list of users and it is steadily growing.

Please note that people **must** register their name, address and telephone number with me before they can use the scheme (see telephone number below).

Currently we have 12 drivers of which three also act as escorts for those occasions when two people are required to help a user who has mobility problems. Unfortunately, for various reasons, some of them are temporarily not available which means the other drivers can be quite busy and not always able to help when asked.

We really do need a few more volunteers to ensure the service continues to meet the needs of our community. Volunteers can choose the days and the locations they want to cover, if they wish to do so.

We are all living longer including voluntary drivers. Inevitably this results in a gradual rise in the number of people who do not have their own transport or who are no longer able to drive. More people will need help getting to their appointments.

Please do consider whether you can help with this service on whatever basis suits you. I would very much like to hear from you (tel. 01460 279623).

David Collins

## NEW SPONSOR



Manor Farm began selling farm grown potatoes 50 years ago this month and we have celebrated with a 'make over'! We now sell a growing variety of seasonal vegetables as well as our own fresh eggs, farm pressed cider, apple juice and cottage style cut flowers.

Come and visit our small rural farm shop and see for yourself.

Manor Farm, Lower Street, Merriott, Somerset TA16 5NP  
Tel: 07963 102258 Email: [nigel.witcombe@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.witcombe@gmail.com)



### CLEANING OUR CHURCH

All Saints Church, Merriott is a valuable historic building which belongs to us all. It is not only used for worship but by the school, and other village groups. A small group of people keep it clean by each taking responsibility for a **small section** and we are looking for someone to care for three areas. You can go in at any time to suit you and it is not hard

work, **you do not need to be female or over 60!** If you could help out there is a list and 'map' in the church (open all day), or contact the church office or me, Ann Lawrence on 01460 78461. Thank you.

### A HOLE IN THE GROUND?

Perhaps at least half an acre in extent and 15 feet deep, this hole in the ground is to be found in Merriott. It is at Tail Mill and will eventually disappear to become the base of new houses and a courtyard to be named Brook Court. In due course there will be around 60 properties at Tail Mill – quite an expansion for the village.



*John Bowman*

### RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR RACE NIGHT

Merriott Pre-School held a successful Race Night down at the Social Club and raised around £700. This money, along with the money received from the Waitrose Green Token Collection, was put towards different equipment for the outside area at the Pre-School, including the this wooden pirate ship.



*Pre-School Staff Members with some of the children enjoying the pirate ship*

Merriott Pre-School would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Race Night and would like to also thank the following local businesses for kind sponsorship of the races: Savill Andrews Estate Agents, Popular Motors, Merriott Social Club, Merriott Monthly Market, Broadway Stores, Orchards Estate Agents, The Swan Inn and Merriott Pharmacy.

*Mat Tither*



All Saints Church is planning a visit to Salisbury Cathedral on **Thursday 22nd Sept.**

There will be 2 tours available to be booked, a floor tour and a tower tour. The cost (excluding travel) will be £6.25 per person for entrance which will include the floor tour. The tower tour will be slightly more expensive. Until the numbers are known it is impossible to cost, as the tower tour is charged per tour for 12 people. At the moment we are planning to travel to Salisbury by train. The cost would be £17.50, less 1/3 for party travel. Please contact Dave or Jean Crisp on 01460 279654 or email [davidcrisp23@btinternet.com](mailto:davidcrisp23@btinternet.com) for more information.



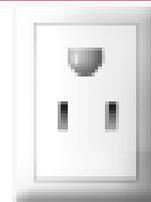
#### JOIN US AT THE "COFFEE STOP"



"Coffee Stop" takes place **every Tuesday** in Merriott Church from **10-11.30am**  
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 all welcome, children's drinks and play area  
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## KINGS HEAD LAUNCHES NEW MENU



We launched an up-dated main menu on the 11th July, which includes a few additional traditional pub meals. We also have a 'specials' board that frequently changes.

Food is served: Monday-Saturday 12pm-3pm/6pm-9pm  
Sunday 12-5pm.

We are now offering a weekly lunch deal for the smaller appetite from Monday - Friday. This includes a two course meal for £8.95.

Afternoon tea is served between 3pm and 6pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

A Takeaway menu is also now available.

Please call 01460 78912 for any bookings or enquiries.

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS



These days are turbulent. Much has happened in the wake of the EU referendum. People have expressed to me a range of reactions; shock, surprise, fear, anxiety, grief, sadness, celebration, relief, confidence, lack of confidence, and many more besides. It has profoundly divided this nation. How we move forward is largely in the hands of a new prime minister and her cabinet, but each one of us surely has a role to play. How we choose to deal with our differences and conflict defines us. Can we try to do this with love and respect?

Jesus asks us to love our neighbour. Simple but demanding. In this world where we are all connected, neighbour surely means not just the people in the house next door, but also the country next door and the places far away too. The fact that we may speak a different language, look different or believe different things is something to celebrate. In the weeks and months ahead, we have the chance or perhaps duty, to engage positively with difference, for the benefit of all. The church remains a place where ALL are welcome,

and where we continue to pray for life of the world, this country and this village; but especially we pray for the most vulnerable who always suffer most in times of great change.

*Rev Bob Hicks - 76406*

### Church Services in August

- Sun 7th** 8.30am Holy Communion
- Sun 14th** 9.30am Parish Communion
- Sun 21st** 10am Family Service
- Sun 28th** 10am Sung Communion

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fundraising Event - Curry Night (in aid of South Africa Expedition) - on **Saturday 10th September** from 6:30pm in the Village Hall, Merriott. Raffle and non-alcoholic refreshments will be available - as well as plenty of curry!

You are welcome to bring any alcoholic drinks if you should wish to do so. £6 adults/£4 children (under 12) on the door.

*Joseph Bending*

Running until the **27th August**, Crewkerne & District Museum will take you back to the past with its exhibition "Changes – memories of the last 60 years". The exhibition will take visitors back over a lifetime of reflections on health, education, sport and entertainment through interviews, objects and documents from the collection. You are welcome to add your own stories.

Visit [www.crewkernemuseum.co.uk](http://www.crewkernemuseum.co.uk) for more details and opening times.

### LITTER

The Parish Council has purchased a number of litter picking tongs which are very easy to use.



Any resident that would like a pair for use when they are strolling the footways and highways of the village please contact:

Katharine Sheehan MPC Clerk  
[merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merriott-clerk@hotmail.co.uk).

## DEAR EDITOR .....

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Margaret Osborne who lives at 6, Higher Beadon. Mum is 93yrs of age and has lived in Merriott since the age of 16. She regularly reads your magazine and has written the following re Tail Mill factory.

"In 1938 my parents, sister and myself came to live in Tail Mill. My father, who was retired by then, was asked to do odd jobs at the factory. I remember that he did a lot of painting, both inside and out. At the start of the second world war my sister, Kathleen, and I went to work there. I began by assembling switches and there I met my future husband Fred. Fred was working on the test bench but very soon after joined the RAF and I took over his job.

There were two sides to the factory - Merriott Mouldings and Bonellas, which was the part in which I worked.

The Bonellas factory was based in London originally, but due to the bombings facing the city, it was relocated to Merriott, bringing with it many Londoners.



*Margaret Osborne, her sister and colleagues taken outside the factory in 1941. From top L to R: Sally Smith, Kathleen Aston (mum's sister) Vi Wey, Mr. Wilson, Madge Mumford, Mary Parker, Daisy Pike, Ruby Bailey and Margaret Osborne.*

The majority went home after the war but a few stayed. One of these being Dennis Lambert who remained in Merriott until he passed away last year. Although it was war time, I have happy memories of friendships built and we all

remained cheerful and positive. The only blot on the horizon was when we saw the gateman talking to the foreman, for that is when we knew there was news of missing or dead service men. Two air raid shelters were built outside in the lane but luckily these shelters were never needed. They remained in the lane for many years following the war.

I do not know if the sign that was suspended outside the factory remains today.

It read 'If in doubt, please ask. A brave man's life depends on your work' "

*Patricia Love*

## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

There is no monthly market in August. The next Market to be held will be a craft market/indoor car boot in aid of Merriott Social Club's refurbishment programme on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** from 10am until 1pm. If you would like a table at this event please contact Lorraine on our Facebook page, via our website or through the social club.

Come and have a browse while enjoying a bacon buttie and cup of tea.

We are currently looking for **weekend bar staff** - contact Derek Court, the bar Manager, for further details.

We are always looking for new ideas be it fundraising, charity, entertainment or anything else so please email us at [merriottsocialclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:merriottsocialclub@hotmail.co.uk) or via our merriott social club Facebook page.

Remember to keep an eye on our noticeboard for the latest news and events, as well as our website ([merriottsocialclub.co.uk](http://merriottsocialclub.co.uk)) and Facebook page. Thanks once again to all members

and non-members who have continued to support us – you are highly appreciated!

### Date for your diary:

On the **30<sup>th</sup> July** we have the popular group We Are 4.



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